

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-19, and 21 are pending in the present application. Claim 21 is amended to address a cosmetic matter of form. No new matter is added.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues: Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly reciting a non-statutory class; and Claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-19 stand allowed.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

With regard to the rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Applicants have amended Claim 21 to address the format of this claim for placing it in condition which is acceptable with respect to statutory class. Specifically, Applicants have amended Claim 21 to recite a computer readable storage medium in accordance with MPEP § 2100.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believes any additional form of matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience for efficiently resolving such issues.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-19 and 21, is patentably distinguished over the prior art, in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

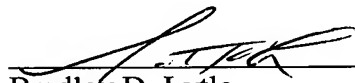
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